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1. SUMMARY: LETTER TO PRESIDENT FORD FROM PEREIRA OF CAPE VERDE CONVEYS WARM APPRECIATION FOR CANCELLATION OF REPAYMENT OBLIGATION ON \$3 MILLION LOAN, AND REITERATES INTENTION TO STRENGTHEN HISTORICAL TIES AND BILATERAL COOPERATION. CAPE VERDE CHARGE HAS EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR US DECISION TO ESTABLISH EMBASSY IN BISSAU, SAYING AMERICAN DUAL REPRESENTATION WOULD BE SATISFACTORY BUT CAPE VERDE PLANNED TO SEND AMBASSADOR TO US. CHARGE SAID US POSITION ON ANGOLA AND OTHER ISSUES WAS UNDERSTOOD BY CAPE VERDE LEADERSHIP, WHICH HOPED FOR CONTINUING DIALOGUE ON PROBLEMS OF MUTUAL INTEREST. END SUMMARY.

2. DURING FEB 11 CALL ON AMBASSADOR, CAPE VERDE CHARGE GOMES  
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PRESENTED MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT FORD FROM PRESIDENT PEREIRA

DATED FEB 7. EMBASSY IS POUCHING ORIGINAL TO AF/W. INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION FROM FRENCH ORIGINAL FOLLOWS: QUOTE LEARNING THROUGH AFRICA REGIONAL AFFAIRS OFFICE OF AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT THAT, BY LAW OF DEC 20, 1975, YOUR EXCELLENCY WAS SO KIND AS TO CANCEL THE OBLIGATION OF THE CAPE VERDE GOVERNMENT FOR REPAYMENT OF THE THREE MILLION DOLLAR LOAN SIGNED JUNE 30, 1975, I AM PLEASED IN THE NAME OF OUR GOVERNMENT, OUR PEOPLE AND MYSELF TO CONVEY OUR DEEP AND SINCERE THANKS WHICH WE ASK THAT YOU BE GOOD ENOUGH TO TRANSMIT TO YOUR GOVERNMENT AND THE GENEROUS AMERICAN PEOPLE. VERY GREATFUL FOR THIS FURTHER EVIDENCE OF FRIENDSHIP AND SOLIDARITY BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES, I ASSURE YOU OF OUR FIRM DECISION TO DO EVERYTHING TO ENSURE THAT OUR COOPERATION WITH THE USA BE A SUCCESS IN ACCORD WITH THE HISTORIC TIES WHICH UNITE OUR TWO PEOPLES AND WHICH WE HAVE DECIDED TO DEVELOP AND STRENGTHEN FURTHER. PLEASE ACCEPT, MR PRESIDENT, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGH AND FRIENDLY CONSIDERATION. UNQUOTE.

3. GOMES SAID HE HAD REPORTED HIS JAN 19 CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR (DAKAR 0394) TO PEREIRA AND OTHER CAPE VERDE LEADERS. THEY HAD ACCEPTED STATEMENT OF US VIEWS ON ANGOLA IN POSITIVE FASHION, ACCORDING TO GOMES. HE SAID CAPE VERDE LEADERSHIP UNDERSTOOD US POSITION ON ALL ISSUES INCLUDING ANGOLA, AND HOPED WE WOULD CONTINUE TO HAVE DIALOGUE ON PROBLEMS OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

4. AMBASSADOR ALSO TOOK OCCASION TO CONVEY TO GOMES INFORMATION GIVEN TO GUINEA-BISSAU AMBASSADOR FERNANDES BY ASST SEC SCHAUFELE ON US PLANS TO NAME RESIDENT AMBASSADOR TO BISSAU WHO WILL ALSO BE ACCREDITED TO CAPE VERDE (REFTEL A). GOMES SAID HE WELCOMED DECISION AND FELT DUAL REPRESENTATION WHICH US PLANNED TO ESTABLISH WAS SATISFACTORY. HOWEVER, HE SAID, CAPE VERDE WOULD PROBABLY SEND ITS OWN AMBASSADOR TO US IN VIEW OF LARGE AMERICAN POPULATION OF CAPE VERDIAN DESCENT. (CAPE VERDE PRESENTLY REPRESENTED BY FERNANDES' DEPUTY, ACCORDING TO GOMES.) HE SAID CAPE VERDE ALSO HAD TENTATIVE PLANS TO OPEN MISSION IN ARGENTINA, WHERE CONSIDERABLE CAPE VERDIAN COMMUNITY WAS ALSO LOCATED.

5. I HOPE TO MAKE RETURN CALL ON GOMES IN EXT WEEK OR TEN DAYS, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND COULD RELAY ANY FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS FROM DEPT. WE PARTICULARLY WOULD APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION ON AID ACTION REFERRED TO IN PEREIRA LETTER SINCE ADO DAKAR HAS NO INFORMATION ON THIS MATTER. AGGREY

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